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Attached is a copy of a Japanese patent publication, which was cited by the Japanese Patent Office in the attached Office Action on June 28, 2005, in connection with a counterpart application. Any relevance of the publication may be gleaned from the attached English-language abstract. The publication is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is brought to the Examiner's attention that publication No. JP 04023327 A, which was also cited in the aforementioned JP Office Action, was previously listed on Form PTO-892 with the Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 23, 2005.

Consideration of the filed documents is respectfully requested.

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